

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeremy Merling on December 16, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 24, after "A composition" delete therefore "as defined in claim 1 comprising a dye." and insert therefore

-----suitable for use as a wash water additive in wash water in a vehicle wash which composition consists of:

- (a) from 1 to 10 weight % of a micro-organism for degrading a substance selected from the group consisting of oil, fat and organic material;
- (b) from 0.1 to 2 weight % of a preservative;
- (c) from 1 to 40 weight % of a part selected from the group consisting of a surfactant, a detergent, and the combination thereof;
- (d) from 1 to 3 weight % of an alkali metal halide;
- (e) a dye and;
- (f) the balance being water.-----

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The transitional phrase "consisting of" excludes additional components or steps not recited in the claim. The prior art of record includes additional components such as enzymes, polymers and builders which are outside the scope of the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Necholus Ogden, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-1322. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thu.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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